

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

~~01~~ BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR (09/18/1955),
aka BLANCA MARGARITA GASTELUM,
aka ROBLES,
aka CHIKI,
aka BLANCA MARGARIT CAZARES DE
MEZA,
~~02~~ ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM
(11/20/1967),
aka HUERILLA,
03 FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ (10/04/1955),
04 BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ (03/07/1958),
aka BLANCA ARMIDA SANCHEZ AGUIRRE,
05 MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ (10/14/1962),
aka MARI, and
06 GYPSY MEZA CAZARES (09/24/1973),
aka GYPSY

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. BA342681

**FELONY COMPLAINT
FOR ARREST WARRANT**

**COURT
REPORTER**

The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

On or between June 7, 2005 and July 1, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 182(a)(1), a Felony, was committed by BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR, ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM and BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ, who did unlawfully conspire together and with another person and persons whose identity is unknown to commit the crime of conspiracy to possess narcotic proceeds, in violation of Section 11370.6 of the Health and Safety Code, a felony; that pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid conspiracy, the said defendants committed the following overt act and acts at and in the County of Los Angeles: See Attached.

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COUNT 3

On or about July 1, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of POSSESSION OF MONEY OR INSTRUMENTS OVER \$100,000.00, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.6(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ and BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ, who did unlawfully possess money and negotiable instruments in excess of \$100,000.00 which were obtained as the result of the unlawful possession of narcotic proceeds derived from the sale/transportation/P.F.S. of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin with knowledge that the monies and negotiable instruments were so obtained and did also possess that money and negotiable instruments with the intent to unlawfully purchase methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin and did commit an act in furtherance of the unlawful purchase.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11590. Failure to do so is a crime pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11594."

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COUNT 4

On or about August 22, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 182(a)(1), a Felony, was committed by BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR and ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, who did unlawfully conspire together and with another person and persons whose identity is unknown to commit the crime of Conspiracy to Possess Narcotic Proceeds, in violation of Section 11370.6 of the Health and Safety Code, a felony; that pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid conspiracy, the said defendants committed the following overt act and acts at and in the County of Los Angeles: See Attached.

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COUNT 6

On or about August 22, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.9(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, who did knowingly receive and acquire proceeds, and engage in a transaction involving proceeds, known to be derived in violation of Division 10 and 10.1 of the Health and Safety Code, with intent to conceal and disguise and aid in concealing and disguising the nature, location, ownership, control and source of the proceeds and to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state and federal law.

It is further alleged that the above activity involved a transaction or series of transactions within a 30-day period involving over \$25,000.00 and to proceeds exceeding \$25,000.00.

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COUNT 7

On or between August 30, 2005 and September 8, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 182(a)(1), a Felony, was committed by BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR, ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ and GYPSY MEZA CAZARES, who did unlawfully conspire together and with another person and persons whose identity is unknown to commit the crime of Conspiracy to Possess Narcotic Proceeds, in violation of Section 11370.6 of the Health and Safety Code, a felony; that pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid conspiracy, the said defendants committed the following overt act and acts at and in the County of Los Angeles: See Attached.

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COUNT 10

On or about September 2, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.9(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, who did knowingly receive and acquire proceeds, and engage in a transaction involving proceeds, known to be derived in violation of Division 10 and 10.1 of the Health and Safety Code, with intent to conceal and disguise and aid in concealing and disguising the nature, location, ownership, control and source of the proceeds and to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state and federal law.

It is further alleged that the above activity involved a transaction or series of transactions within a 30-day period involving over \$25,000.00 and to proceeds exceeding \$25,000.00.

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COUNT 11

On or about September 8, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of POSSESSION OF MONEY OR INSTRUMENTS OVER \$100,000.00, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.6(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM and MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ, who did unlawfully possess money and negotiable instruments in excess of \$100,000.00 which were obtained as the result of the unlawful possession of narcotic proceeds derived from the sale/trasporation/P.F.S. of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin with knowledge that the monies and negotiable instruments were so obtained and did also possess that money and negotiable instruments with the intent to unlawfully purchase methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin and did commit an act in furtherance of the unlawful purchase.

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On or about September 8, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.9(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM and MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ, who did knowingly receive and acquire proceeds, and engage in a transaction involving proceeds, known to be derived in violation of Division 10 and 10.1 of the Health and Safety Code, with intent to conceal and disguise and aid in concealing and disguising the nature, location, ownership, control and source of the proceeds and to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state and federal law.

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COUNT 13

On or between September 22, 2005 and November 3, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of POSSESSION OF MONEY OR INSTRUMENTS OVER \$100,000.00, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.6(a), a Felony, was committed by BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR, ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ and GYPSY MEZA CAZARES, who did unlawfully possess money and negotiable instruments in excess of \$100,000.00 which were obtained as the result of the unlawful possession of narcotic proceeds derived from the sale/transportation/P.F.S. of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin with knowledge that the monies and negotiable instruments were so obtained and did also possess that money and negotiable instruments with the intent to unlawfully purchase methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin and did commit an act in furtherance of the unlawful purchase.

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COUNT 14

On or between September 22, 2005 and November 3, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 182(a)(1), a Felony, was committed by BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR, ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ and GYPSY MEZA CAZARES, who did unlawfully conspire together and with another person and persons whose identity is unknown to commit the crime of Conspiracy to Possess Narcotic Proceeds, in violation of Section 11370.9 of the Health and Safety Code, a felony; that pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the objectives and purposes of the aforesaid conspiracy, the said defendants committed the following overt act and acts at and in the County of Los Angeles: See Attached.

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COUNT 15

On or about September 23, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of POSSESSION OF MONEY OR INSTRUMENTS OVER \$100,000.00, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.6(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, who did unlawfully possess money and negotiable instruments in excess of \$100,000.00 which were obtained as the result of the unlawful possession of narcotic proceeds derived from the sale/transportation/P.F.S. of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin with knowledge that the monies and negotiable instruments were so obtained and did also possess that money and negotiable instruments with the intent to unlawfully purchase methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and/or heroin and did commit an act in furtherance of the unlawful purchase. "NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11590. Failure to do so is a crime pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11594."

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COUNT 16

On or about October 19, 2005, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11370.9(a), a Felony, was committed by ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM and FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ, who did knowingly receive and acquire proceeds, and engage in a transaction involving proceeds, known to be derived in violation of Division 10 and 10.1 of the Health and Safety Code, with intent to conceal and disguise and aid in concealing and disguising the nature, location, ownership, control and source of the proceeds and to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state and federal law.

It is further alleged that the above activity involved a transaction or series of transactions within a 30-day period involving over \$25,000.00 and to proceeds exceeding \$25,000.00.

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Defendants

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| 1: Blanca Cazares Salazar aka Robles or Chikis | [Mexico-based \$-cell Head] |
| 2: Angelica Cazares Gastelum aka Huerilla | [LA-based \$ Courier for sister Robles] |
| 3: Francisco Ramos Chavez | [husband of Cazares-Gastelum] |
| 4: Blanca Aguirre Sanchez aka Blanca | [unknown familial relationship] |
| 5: Maria Cazares Perez aka Mari | [unknown familial relationship] |
| 6: Gypsy Meza Cazares aka Gypsy or Dulce | [LA-based \$ Courier/Robles Daughter] |

Overt Acts

Counts 1 – 3

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| 1: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$100K | (6/7/05 to 7/1/05) |
| 2: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$25K | (6/7/05 to 7/1/05) |
| 3: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (\$499,980) | (7/1/05) |

1. In 2005, Blanca Cazares Salazar aka "Robles", Angelica Cazares Gastelum aka "Huerilla", Francisco Ramos Chavez, Blanca Aguirre Sanchez, Maria Cazares Perez aka Mari and Gypsy Meza Cazares aka Gypsy operated a money laundering organization that was responsible for collecting narcotic proceeds from L.A. based traffickers to be delivered to Mexico.

2. Angelica Cazares Gastelum aka "Huerilla" was an L.A. based money courier working under the direction of a Mexico-based family-run money laundering organization. "Huerilla" collected and counted L.A. based proceeds, maintained an accounting or record of those amounts, and awaited instructions from Mexico as to what to do with the funds once they were collected.

3. "Huerilla" would get her instruction from Blanca Cazares Salazar aka "Robles" or from "Robles'" daughter, Gypsy Meza Cazares aka "Gypsy" or "Dulce". The other co-conspirators, Maria Cazares Perez aka "Mari" and Blanca Aguirre Sanchez would receive monies from "Huerilla" and further facilitate its return to Mexico via the Black Market Peso trade or by personally transporting the sums themselves via automobile or the use of shipping companies.

4. "Huerilla" is married to Francisco Ramos Chavez who had been observed participating in money pick-ups with his wife. "Huerilla" ran the U.S. side of this money laundering operation for her sister, Blanca Margarita Cazares Salazar aka "Robles" or "Chiquis", who is considered to be the Kingpin of the organization.

5. On and between June 7, 2005 and July 1, 2005, while in the County of Los Angeles, Angelica Cazares-Gastelum aka "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum), Changel Molina,

and Blanca Aguirre Sanchez, conspired to possess \$550,000 U.S. dollars derived from the sale of controlled substances for the purpose of delivering the same to Mexico.

6. On June 7, 2005, at 7:58 a.m., Changel Molina reported to his Mexico source-of-supply (Rigo) the amount of narcotics proceeds he currently had in his possession to give to Rigo. Molina stated that he needed to verify the amount but he thought it was 20 (\$20,000). Molina asked Rigo if "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) was working. Rigo said he would call Molina later with "Huerilla's" number.

7. On June 7, 2005, at 8:03 a.m., Rigo gave Molina "Huerilla's" telephone contact number: (323) 905-2633.

8. On June 7, 2005, at 6:24 p.m., Molina called "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) on (323) 905-2633. Molina told "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) that Rigo wanted Molina to meet her. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) agreed to meet Molina. They agreed to meet the next day. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) told Molina that Rigo needed the money to buy more drugs.

9. On June 8, 2005, at 8:18 a.m., Rigo called Molina to verify the amount of money that would be sent to Mexico via "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum).

10. On June 8, 2005, at 8:40 a.m., Molina left 944 S. Ditman Avenue in the City and County of Los Angeles and drove to 555 Brenton Avenue in Lynwood, CA. He entered the apartment building to count the money stored at a stash house.

11. On June 8, 2005, at 9:36 a.m., Molina called Martin Nunez-Meza (Martin) from inside the stash house and told Martin that he (Molina) was short with some money owed to Rigo. Molina said he owed 29 (\$29,000) but all he had was 20 or 19 (\$20,000/\$19,000). Martin agreed to give Molina \$10,000 so Molina could pay off Rigo.

12. Nine minutes later, at 9:45 a.m., Molina left the stash house at 555 Brenton Avenue carrying a weighted black grocery bag. He drove his white Ford Ranger (7S23163) to Martin's house at 6940 Hinds Avenue, Apt. #5, in North Hollywood. Molina met with Martin, a male Hispanic, who handed Molina something through the driver's side window. Molina then left the area. Martin went back inside the location.

13. On June 8, 2005, at 1:11 p.m., "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) called Molina to determine his location in order that the two could meet. She directed him to come to Florence and Lakewood in the County of Los Angeles in order to transfer the money.

14. On June 8, 2005, at 1:11 p.m., Molina stayed on the telephone with "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) as he drove to the meet location she was describing to him. Molina drove his white Ford Ranger pick-up into a parking lot located at the northwest corner of Florence and Lakewood near the Stonewood Mall in Los Angeles County. Molina parked next to "Huerilla's" brown Ford Expedition (5AWS975). Molina told Cazares over the phone that he saw her. The two hung up.

15. Molina got out of his car with the same black, weighted plastic grocery bag that he had retrieved from the stash house at 555 Brenton Avenue. He handed the bag to "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) and went back to his car.

16. Angelica Cazares-Gastelum left the location and drove to 9311 Clancy Road in Downey, CA. where she stayed a while before going out for more pick-ups.

17. On June 8, 2005, on and around 5:42 p.m., "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) met separately with two other males and retrieved weighted packages and/or plastic grocery type bags from each. The first meet at 5:42 p.m. took place at the intersection of Lakewood Blvd. and Gallatin Road in Downey, CA. Immediately thereafter, she drove to a Sear's parking lot to meet a second unknown male.

18. Thereafter, Angelica Cazares-Gastelum drove to 6306 Vinevale Avenue in Bell, CA.

19. On June 30, 2005, law enforcement served a search warrant at Martin Nunez-Meza's (Martin) place located at 6940 Hinds Ave, Apt. #5 and also at Apt. #6. Officers recovered 412 grams of methamphetamine, 114.6 grams of cocaine, 31 grams of marijuana, 239 grams of heroin, and \$23,203.00 U.S. dollars.

20. On July 1, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum), her husband Francisco Ramos Chavez, and their son, left 6306 Vinevale Avenue in the City of Bell. Angelica Cazares-Gastelum was carrying a white, weighted, plastic bag. She drove her Expedition to 9001 Rayo Avenue in South Gate where they parked for one minute - neither got out of the car. Then they entered the freeway and traveled to Laguna Hills, CA.

21. On July 1, 2005 at 1:38 p.m., "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum), her husband Francisco Ramos Chavez, and their son, drove into the Laguna Hills shopping mall parking lot.

22. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) exited her vehicle. She reached into her car and retrieved a weighted, medium sized carrying bag from the passenger floorboard side of the Expedition. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) walked the bag over to Blanca Aguirre Sanchez's silver BMW with Baja plates.

23. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) met with Blanca Aguirre Sanchez and had a short conversation wherein both exchanged hugs and kisses.

24. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) and Blanca Aguirre Sanchez then departed in their respective cars heading in different directions.

25. "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum), her husband Francisco Ramos Chavez, and their son, drove back towards Los Angeles County. Blanca Aguirre Sanchez headed south toward San Diego County.

26. On July 1, 2005, at 1:50 p.m., Blanca Aguirre Sanchez was stopped in her silver BMW as she headed south on I-5.

27. CHP Officer Barnard recovered the same weighted, medium sized carrying bag containing \$549,980 U.S. dollars packaged in 38 rubber-banded bundles from the back seat of Blanca Aguirre Sanchez's silver BMW.

28. Officer Barnard's narcotics trained K-9 alerted to the bag containing money.

29. *Check on calls post seizure #1. Who are they between and what was said?*

Counts 4 – 6

- 4: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$100K (8/1/05 to 8/22/05)
- 5: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$25K (8/1/05 to 8/22/05)
- 6: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (unknown amount from (8/22/05)
Arturo Vargas)

30. On or about August 14, 2005, not knowing who was the "leak" or who was responsible for "tipping off" law enforcement about the \$549,980 transfer of funds from L.A. County to Mexico via Laguna Hills by way of Blanca Aguirre Sanchez, Angelica Cazares-Gastelum ("Huerilla") moved her residence from 6306 Vinevale Avenue in Bell, CA to 9311 Clancy Avenue in Downey, CA.

31. On August 15, 2005, "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) was intercepted advising unknown person(s) the reason she moved was because of the recent loss of money, referring to the proceeds taken from Blanca Aguirre Sanchez.

32. On August 17, 2005, Gypsy Meza Cazares aka "Gypsy" called "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) at the new house. "Gypsy" asked "Huerilla" what she was going to do about her method of operating since the recent seizure. "Huerilla" informed "Gypsy" she did not know and that she had not worked in a month. "Huerilla" said that it was up to Blanca Cazares Salazar aka "Robles" but if she started working again, she would not like to work with so many people at one time and she did not know how "Robles" would feel about that. "Huerilla" said "Robles" needed to be more selective about who she chooses to have come up from Mexico to pick up the monies. "Gypsy" informed "Huerilla" that there was another "customer" and "Huerilla" needed to start working again. "Gypsy" informed "Huerilla" that she needed to meet with the customer then take the items south to "eat with Jose Pepe." "Gypsy" explained that "Huerilla" would pick up one (load) and deliver it right away to "Robles" (rather than gather up larger amounts and then do a transfer). "Huerilla" informed "Gypsy" that she liked it better that way, she preferred to do the pick up one day and then the transport the very next day, right away. "Huerilla" said "Robles" just needed to let her know there would be someone at 8:00 a.m. the next day who could meet her to pick up the monies.

33. "Gypsy" informed "Huerilla" that she has thirteen (\$13,000) available to be picked up and "Huerilla" says she'll take it down the next morning. "Gypsy" said she would give the customer "Huerilla's" number.

34. Four (4) days later, on August 21, 2005, "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) arranged to meet with Arturo Vargas aka "Pecas" to collect monies. At 2:59 p.m., Angelica Cazares-Gastelum directed "Pecas" to meet her at the Downey Mall. "Pecas" said he needed to call her later to set up a time.

35. On August 21, 2005, at 7:19 p.m., "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) told "Pecas" she needed to collect the monies the next day.

36. On August 22, 2005, at 10:01 a.m., "Pecas" tried to set up a meet with "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum). She told him to meet her at the Stonewood Mall in Downey. "Pecas" said he would be there in 30 minutes.

37. "Pecas" (Vargas) drove to the Stonewood Mall in a silver Chevrolet pickup (7H71866).

38. On August 22, 2005, at 10:43 a.m., "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) left her home at 9311 Clancy in Downey, CA. She got into her Ford Expedition and drove to Stonewood Mall.

39. "Huerilla" (Cazares Gastelum) cruised through the parking lot looking at various persons and cars within the parking lot.

40. She pulled her car over and got out to meet with "Pecas" (Vargas). The two had a brief conversation.

41. "Pecas" walked over to his Chevrolet pick-up and removed a black, weighted, plastic bag and handed the same to "Huerilla".

42. "Pecas" removed a black, weighted, plastic bag from the pickup and gave it to "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum).

43. "Huerilla" got back into her car and left the location.

44. At 10:47 a.m., "Pecas" got into his Chevrolet pick-up and departed the location also.

45. The two departed in separate directions.

46. "Pecas" was followed for several hours wherein officers noted a meet and/or transfer of unknown object(s) with other unknown individual(s). "Pecas" was eventually followed to 2261 Ohio Avenue in Signal Hill.

47. On the next day, August 23, 2005, officers surveilled "Pecas" (Vargas), Jorge Benjamino Burgos (Burgos), and Alejandro Jiminez Lopez (Lopez) to and from the Signal Hill location.

48. On August 24, 2005, "Pecas" left 2261 Ohio Avenue in Signal Hill and dumped empty trash bags with marijuana residue in a dumpster at a medical building.

49. On August 24, 2005, officers searched 2261 Ohio Avenue in Signal Hill and recovered 517 pounds of marijuana.

Counts 7 – 12

- 7: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$100K (8/30/05 to 9/8/05)
- 8: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$25K (8/30/05 to 9/8/05)
- 9: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (unknown amount from (8/30/05)
Gustavo Martinez)
- 10: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (unknown amount from (9/2/05)
UM)
- 11: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (over \$100K) (9/8/05)
(\$200K to Mari)
- 12: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (over \$25K) (9/8/05)
(\$200K to Mari)

50. On August 30, 2005, at 12:36 p.m., Angelica Cazares Gastelum ("Huerilla") received a telephone call from Gustavo Martinez.

51. Gustavo Martinez advised "Huerilla" (Cazares Gastelum) that "Robles" told him to call her to arrange a meet for the transfer of monies. The two agreed to meet. "Huerilla" gave Martinez directions to the Downey Mall (Stonewood).

52. Martinez and "Huerilla" talked several more times trying to get together to transfer monies.

53. On August 30, 2005 at 2:10 p.m., "Huerilla" exited her residence, got into her Ford Expedition and drove towards Firestone and the 605 Freeway.

54. At 2:18 p.m., she pulled into the Office Depot parking lot at Firestone and the 605 Freeway. She exited her vehicle and met with Martinez, a male Hispanic who got out of the driver seat of a 2005 white Ford Focus (5NAW147).

55. Martinez went to the trunk of the Focus and recovered a very heavily weighted Ikea bag and walked it to the rear of the Expedition. He placed the bag into the rear of "Huerilla's" vehicle.

56. At 2:23 p.m., "Huerilla" and Martinez parted ways heading in opposite directions. She returned to 9311 Clancy and he was followed to 25956 Avenida where he pulled the car into the garage. He stayed there for two hours until he left to meet an unknown male driving a Chevy Celebrity with Mexico plates. Martinez handed off a 1-2 kilos sized package that he retrieved from the trunk of the Ford Focus and placed into the rear of the Chevy Celebrity. The Chevy Celebrity is followed to a house at 3526 Walnut Avenue in Huntington Park, CA. The unknown male exited the car and conducted counter-surveillance techniques before entering the residence.

- a. On September 29, 2005, Gustavo Martinez was surveilled meeting with Rolando Lopez wherein Martinez handed a very heavily weighted gym-type bag to Lopez. Lopez was followed back to 207 S. Locust Avenue in

Compton, CA. A search of the residence revealed five (5) kilograms of cocaine and a handgun.

57. On September 2, 2005, at 11:57 a.m., an unidentified male called "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum). He told her that "Robles" told him to call and that he needed to deliver money. The two agreed to meet at the Downey Mall (Stonewood) at 4:00 p.m.

58. At 4:09 p.m., "Huerilla" and the UM decide to postpone the meet to September 3, 2005.

59. On September 3, 2005, at 1:40 p.m., "Huerilla" and the UM decide to meet on Monday, September 5, 2005.

60. On September 7, 2005, "Gypsy" (Meza Cazares) directed "Huerilla" to contact Maria Cazares-Perez aka "Mari" regarding the transfer of money. The two discussed the amount of money to be delivered to be 500 (\$500,000).

61. On September 7, 2005 at 10:10 a.m., "Huerilla" called "Gypsy" to advise that "Mari" wanted to do the transfer. "Huerilla" told "Gypsy" that "Mari" wanted to transfer two bags of money. "Huerilla" and "Gypsy" bartered over the fiscal government exchange rate and what each person would make for the transfer of the monies.

62. On September 7, 2005, at 10:40 a.m., "Huerilla" called "Mari" who asked if everything was already. "Huerilla" told "Mari" she called Mexico and has her instructions and there is no problem according to "Gypsy". "Huerilla" said "Mari" knows the exchange rate and what she will be getting for the transfer of the money. "Huerilla" stated "Gypsy" wanted "Mari" to call and the two women could work it out themselves. "Huerilla" gave "Mari" the Mexico contact number. "Mari" directed "Huerilla" to meet her at Platini on Alondra in Paramount. Mari said she wanted to transfer 200 (\$200,000).

63. At 11:15 a.m., Mari gave "Huerilla" directions to the meet location. "Huerilla" got in her car and headed towards Paramount.

64. At 11:58 a.m., "Huerilla" arrived at 7340 Alondra Blvd. in her Ford Expedition, CA license 5AWS975, registered to Angelica Gastelum at 6306 Vinevale Avenue in Bell, CA, County of Los Angeles.

65. "Huerilla" and her son exited the car and walked to the front door of the business. "Huerilla" spoke to "Mari" who was already inside the store.

66. "Huerilla" directed her son to retrieve the black bag of money from the Ford Expedition.

67. "Huerilla" son walked to the Ford Expedition, retrieved the bag of money, and brought it to his mother who was still in the doorway of the store. Together the two walked the bag into the store.

68. At 12:37 p.m., "Huerilla" and her son left the store and the area empty handed.

69. At 4:12 p.m., "Mari" exited the store.

70. At 6:05 p.m., "Huerilla" met with Gustavo Martinez and picked up a heavy bag. The two departed in separate directions.

71. At 7:40 p.m. the Platini store was closed to the public until the next day.

72. On September 8, 2005, at 10:15 a.m., Maria Cazares-Perez aka Mari returned to Platini Jean and directed an unidentified male to place the large amount of U.S. dollars into her car. The monies were contained within a large, heavy, black bag. The UM put the bag inside Mari's van.

73. Mari drove the money to N&R Latin Shipping located at 942-B South Town Avenue in Los Angeles. She retrieved the large, heavy, black bag from the van and took it into N&R Shipping. She stayed inside for a few minutes, came out empty handed, and then immediately left the area.

74. At approximately 11:00 a.m., law enforcement searched N&R Shipping. In the rear part of the warehouse, detectives found a black duffle bag concealed inside a black plastic trash bag wrapped with tan shipping tape. The duffle bag was hidden under a desk in the office area. The narcotic K-9 alerted to the bag stashed under the desk in the office. This bag matched the bag brought to N&R Latin Shipping by Mari earlier in the day. Worker Noe Reynosa stated he received the bag from Mari to be shipped to an unknown destination.

- a. On February 8, 2008, "Mari" entered the U.S. Embassy in Mexico to request reinstatement of her Visa so she could resume business in the United States. Mari said the money was for a debt owed and said she was laundering/transferring/transporting drug proceeds for Gypsy Meza Cazares and Gypsy's mother, Blanca Cazares Salazar aka Robles, through her U.S. business.

75. On September 8, 2005, at 11:26 a.m., "Huerilla" called "Gypsy" and informed her that 500 (\$500,000) was delivered to "Mari" the day before on September 7, 2005. Gypsy requested an accounting of the moneys currently in "Huerilla's" possession. The two discussed the fact that more money needed to be picked up from Ignacio. "Huerilla" complained to "Gypsy" about the pressure Gypsy's mother, "Robles", was putting on her. She complained about always having to be available and having to report amounts of money at all times.

Counts 13 – 16

- 13: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$100K (9/22/05 to 11/3/05)
- 14: Conspiracy To Possess Narco. Proceeds over \$25K (9/22/05 to 11/3/05)
- 15: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (unknown amount from (9/23/05)
Fernando Mera)
- 16: Possession of Narco. Proceeds (\$859,880 from Huerilla (10/19/05)
in San Diego)

76. On September 22, 2005, at 3:29 p.m., "Robles" (Cazares-Salazar) talked to "Huerilla" (Cazares-Gastelum) about meeting with Fernando Mera to transfer "invitations for 500 guests" (\$500,000).

77. On September 23, 2005 at 10:28 a.m., "Huerilla" and "Robles" discussed the arrangement of meetings with various other persons in order to procure narcotic proceeds. Robles asked "Huerilla" about the meeting with Fernando Mera. Robles told her to also meet with Peludo on behalf of Beto regarding the transfer of additional monies. Robles directed her to call Fernando Mera on behalf of Chama.

78. "Robles" directed "Huerilla" to verify the accounting as 64 or 74. "Huerilla" informed "Robles" about another 400. Again, Robles directed "Huerilla" to meet with Peludo. She was instructed to pick up the money and ensure they are not fake then deliver it to Mera.

79. On September 22 and September 23, 2005, additional calls between "Huerilla" and Fernando Mera occurred wherein the two verified each others identity and set up a meeting for the next day.

80. On September 23, 2005, "Huerilla" met with Fernando Mera to pick-up narcotic proceeds.

81. At 11:40 a.m., "Huerilla" called Robles and told her that she was meeting with Mera right then. "Huerilla" handed Mera a weighted bag.

82. Fernando Mera left "Huerilla" and returned to 9202 Loch Lomond Avenue in Pico Rivera, County of Los Angeles, taking with him the narcotic proceeds he needed to purchase drugs.

83. On September 23, 2005, law enforcement served a search warrant at 9202 Loch Lomond Avenue in Pico Rivera, County of Los Angeles, an address associated with Fernando Mera, and recovered five (5) kilograms of cocaine.

84. On September 25, 2008, the search of 9202 Loch Lomond Avenue led to the identification of Cesar Ricardo Najar Bojorquez, a stash house operator. Bojorgquez was searched and officers recovered 21 kilograms of cocaine from him

85. On October 19, 2005, Gypsy Meza Cazares, on behalf of her mother, Blanca Cazares Salazar aka "Robles", talked to "Huerilla" regarding an accounting of the amounts possessed.

86. On October 19, 2005, "Huerilla" reported the amounts of narcotic proceeds to Gypsy.

87. On October 19, 2005, at 12:03 p.m., an unidentified male called "Huerilla" and stated Robles told him to call her to set up a meet to transfer monies.

88. The unidentified male and "Huerilla" agreed to meet at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

89. On October 21, 2005, at 10:15 a.m., "Huerilla" and her husband Francisco Ramos Chaves were stopped in her 2003 Ford Expedition bearing license plate 5AWS975 at the San Ysidro Port of Entry heading southbound to Mexico.

90. Law enforcement recovered \$859,880.00 from the left and right rear quarter panels of the Expedition. The monies were bundled and bound together using rubber bands, tan in color, of similar length and thickness. 33 bundles came from the left side and 34 bundles came from the right side.

91. On November 3, 2005, "Huerilla" and "Robles" discussed the loss of money.

92. "Robles" demanded reports or documentations from "Huerilla" regarding the circumstances surrounding the loss and the exact amount lost.

NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require the defendant to provide DNA samples and print impressions pursuant to Penal Code sections 296 and 296.1. Willful refusal to provide the samples and impressions is a crime.

NOTICE: The People of the State of California intend to present evidence and seek jury findings regarding all applicable circumstances in aggravation, pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(b) and *Cunningham v. California* 2007 U.S. LEXIS 1324.

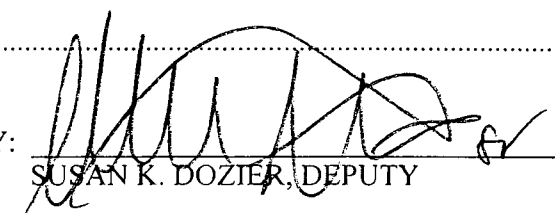
Further, attached hereto and incorporated herein are official reports and documents of a law enforcement agency which the undersigned believes establish probable cause for the arrest of defendant(s) BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR, ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ, BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ, MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ, GYPSY MEZA CAZARES for the above-listed crimes. Wherefore, a warrant of arrest is requested for BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR, ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM, FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ, BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ, MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ, GYPSY MEZA CAZARES.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER BA342681, CONSISTS OF 16 COUNT(S).

Executed at LOS ANGELES, County of Los Angeles, on June 27, 2008.


JILL DENNEWITZ
DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

STEVE COOLEY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: 
SUSAN K. DOZIER, DEPUTY

AGENCY: U.S. HOMELAND SECURITY I/O: JILL DENNEWITZ ID NO.: 000 PHONE:
DR NO.: 059922434 OPERATOR: MVQ PRELIM. TIME EST.: 12 HOUR(S)

<u>DEFENDANT</u>	<u>CII NO.</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>BOOKING NO.</u>	<u>BAIL RECOM'D</u>	<u>CUSTODY R'TN DATE</u>
SALAZAR, BLANCA CAZARES		9/18/1955		\$5,000,000	
GASTELUM, ANGELICA CAZARES		11/20/1967		\$1,500,000	
CHAVEZ, FRANCISCO RAMOS		10/4/1955		\$1,500,000	
SANCHEZ, BLANCA AGUIRRE		3/7/1958		\$1,500,000	
PEREZ, MARIA CAZARAS		10/14/1962		\$1,500,000	
CAZARES, GYPSY MEZA		9/24/1973		\$1,500,000	

It appearing to the Court that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for the above-named defendant(s), the warrant is so ordered.

BLANCA SALAZAR	BAIL: \$ _____
ANGELICA GASTELUM	BAIL: \$ _____
FRANCISCO CHAVEZ	BAIL: \$ _____
BLANCA SANCHEZ	BAIL: \$ _____
MARIA PEREZ	BAIL: \$ _____
GYPSY CAZARES	BAIL: \$ _____

DATE: _____

Judge of the Above Entitled Court

NON-WARRANT DEFENDANTS:

<u>DEFENDANT</u>	<u>CII NO.</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>BOOKING NO.</u>	<u>BAIL RECOM'D</u>	<u>CUSTODY R'TN DATE</u>
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and be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County until such bail is given. Date of arraignment in Superior Court will be:

BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR	_____ in Dept _____
ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM	_____ in Dept _____
FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ	_____ in Dept _____
BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ	_____ in Dept _____
MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ	_____ in Dept _____
GYPSY MEZA CAZARES	_____ in Dept _____

at: _____ A.M.

Date: _____

Committing Magistrate

11	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4
12	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4

GYPSY MEZA CAZARES

<u>Count No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge Range</u>	<u>Special Allegation</u>	<u>Alleg. Effect</u>
7	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
8	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
13	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
14	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		

I order that the defendant(s) be held to answer therefore and be admitted to bail in the sum of:

BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR	_____ Dollars
ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM	_____ Dollars
FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ	_____ Dollars
BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ	_____ Dollars
MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ	_____ Dollars
GYPSY MEZA CAZARES	_____ Dollars

FELONY COMPLAINT -- ORDER HOLDING TO ANSWER -- P.C. SECTION 872

It appearing to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty thereof, to wit:

(Strike out or add as applicable)

BLANCA CAZARES SALAZAR

<u>Count No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge Range</u>	<u>Special Allegation</u>	<u>Alleg. Effect</u>
1	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
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5	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
7	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
8	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
13	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
14	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		

ANGELICA CAZARES GASTELUM

<u>Count No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge Range</u>	<u>Special Allegation</u>	<u>Alleg. Effect</u>
1	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
2	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
3	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
4	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
5	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
6	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4		
7	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
8	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
9	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4		
10	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4		
11	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
12	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4		
13	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
14	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
15	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
16	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4		

FRANCISCO RAMOS CHAVEZ

<u>Count No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge Range</u>	<u>Special Allegation</u>	<u>Alleg. Effect</u>
3	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
13	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		
14	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
16	HS 11370.9(a)	2-3-4		

BLANCA AGUIRRE SANCHEZ

<u>Count No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge Range</u>	<u>Special Allegation</u>	<u>Alleg. Effect</u>
1	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
2	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
3	HS 11370.6(a)	2-3-4		

MARIA CAZARAS PEREZ

<u>Count No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge Range</u>	<u>Special Allegation</u>	<u>Alleg. Effect</u>
7	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		
8	PC 182(a)(1)	Check Code		